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FIVE ARRESTS IN GRAFT CASE

FIRST DEATH FROM "FLU" IS REPORTED; 25 NEW CASES TODAY

Shipments Of Freight Hindered

1,200 Freight Handlers Go
On Strike In Bos-
Boston

FOOD STRINGENCY MAY BE RESULT

Boston, Jan. 29.—It was impossible to ship freight in lots of less than a carload through terminals of the Boston & Albany and the Boston & Maine railroads in this city today because of the strike of 1,200 freight handlers begun yesterday. Carload shipments were not affected, being loaded or unloaded by the shippers or the consignees, but the embargoes declared by the railroad caused a shortage of shipping space for local merchants and other goods for local merchants, and prevented mixed shipments to other parts of New England.

The possibility of a food stringency as a result of the strike has been considered by Chairman Sherburne of the State Commission on necessities of life and he said today that he had taken the matter up with the railroad administration. The commission will intervene if necessary to insure an adequate supply of necessities. General Sherburne said he was watching the situation closely to determine whether it would be necessary to "step in."

CUNARD LINER CARRIED CASES OF INFLUENZA

60 Stricken Among the Pas-
sengers and Crew—One
Death.

Plymouth, Eng., Jan. 29.—Influenza raged on board the Cunard line steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria during her passage here from New York, when she called on January 17. The steamer arrived here today 24 hours late because of encountering a hurricane. There were 60 cases of influenza among the passengers and crew, three of the patients developing pneumonia, from which one, a third class passenger, died last evening. It was declared on the steamer that the absence of stimulants on the ship, which was sailing "dry," had hampered the surgeons in fighting the prevalent disease. A supply of spirits and medical stores were taken on board before the steamer proceeded for Cherbourg and Liverpool.

6,000 TEACHERS TO MAKE FIGHT FOR WAGE INCREASE

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The Chicago Teachers' Federation today began a campaign for "health, decency and efficiency" wages for elementary teachers by delegating to its board of managers authority which would make possible the calling of a strike to enforce the federation's demands. The action followed the decision of the board of education to fix the maximum salary of grade teachers at \$2,000 a year. The teachers insist the minimum salary should be \$1,200 with a maximum of \$2,500, reached after nine years' service.

Approximately 6,000 teachers met and approved the program.

AGREE ON POINTS AT ISSUE.

London, Jan. 29.—An agreement on all the principal points at issue has been reached between the Italian cabinet and the leaders of the striking railway men, according to a Central News dispatch from Rome under Wednesday's date. It is expected that the strikers will return to work immediately, the message added.

EXCHANGE OPENS UP.

New York, Jan. 29.—Quotations on demand bills on the English pound sterling, which fell yesterday to a record low figure of \$2.49, opened today at \$2.52.

205 Is Now Total For City—Plans Made to Receive Patients at Hospitals—Dr. Brown Believes Epidemic will Not Be As Serious As Last Year.

One death yesterday from influenza and three deaths this week from all forms of pneumonia was the death toll of the epidemic in Bridgeport today as announced by Dr. Walter H. Brown, health officer, this morning. There were 25 new cases reported today, making a total of 205 now in the city.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Walter H. Brown met the principals of the various schools in Bridgeport and warned them about keeping up sanitary conditions of the schools and issued such instructions to them as is necessary. This afternoon Dr. Brown is to meet the heads of all the charity organizations in the city and tell them what they can do to stop the spread of the disease. He will also meet the heads of the local chapter of the Red Cross and the Visiting Nurse Association. Plans will be outlined whereby the poor will be able to get adequate medical attendance, fuel, blankets and whatever may be necessary from beds to food.

Plans have been completed whereby 150 patients may be cared for at the Bridgeport hospital, another 150 at the new Englewood hospital, and a large number at St. Vincent's.

It is reported that the nurses have been registering with the Board of Health freely but the registration of women who took Red Cross training course and nurses partially trained has been slight.

The arrangements for the safeguarding of the public health in the theatres have been completed and placards have been placed in public places warning the public against coughing, sneezing and spitting. The Board of Health is now making arrangements to care for this evil on the trolley cars and in the jitneys.

While the cases continue to be reported to the Board of Health in large numbers every indication is that the epidemic this year will not be nearly as large as that of last year.

SMALL FELL IN EXCAVATION AND SEEKS DAMAGES

Claim Made No Warning
Guarded the Pit-
fall.

Morris Small, a commission merchant of this city, who fell into an excavation in the rear of his home at 549 East Main street, started suit today against Anna Gorman and Louis Chamoy, of this city, for \$2,000 damages. Anna Gorman owns the premises upon which the accident happened and Chamoy is a contractor who was doing some construction work upon the property when the accident occurred. Small says he was a tenant in the house and on the night of the accident he had occasion to pass through the back yard. He claims there was no barrier or light to give warning of the excavation and consequently he fell in the hole. He says he was confined to his bed for eight days and was forced to spend \$180 for medical attendance.

NO BIDS MADE FOR 30 FORMER GERMAN LINERS

Washington, Jan. 29.—No bids for the 30 former German passenger liners offered for sale by the Shipping Board have yet been accepted. Chairman Payne declared today and the necessity for further consideration of the proposals received probably will delay any action until Monday.

BARTON BROKE PAROLE.

Joseph Barton of Worcester, Mass., was arrested by local detectives here last night on the charge of violating parole. The man will be returned to Worcester, where he is wanted for non-support.

WALKS STILL CRUSTED WITH SNOW AND ICE

Many sidewalks throughout the city are still encrusted with snow and ice, but no blank warrants have been issued for the arrest of persons responsible for these conditions. That six hours is the regulation time limit for snow removal, and patrolmen are empowered to make arrests in cases where the ordinance is violated. Property owners whose sidewalks are still covered with snow have been warned by the police to clean them today. Unless this order is carried out arrests will probably be made. This step will have to be taken to protect the city from liabilities for injuries from falls on icy sidewalks.

WHY HAS NOT POLICE CAPTAIN BEEN CHOSEN?

No Successor As Yet Select-
ed To Fill Coley's
Place.

Despite the fact that there are a number of vacancies to be filled and promotions to be made in the police department, it now appears that no action will be taken on these matters at the coming meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners which is scheduled for Saturday night. This reported "big doing" in the department have been held up for a long time, and once more seem slated for a postponement to February 15 or April 1.

Many of the proposed changes are based on the possibility of the retirement of Superintendent John H. Redgate, but one which is not in the appointment of a man to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Captain George B. Coley. This appointment should have been made as soon as possible after the creation of the vacancy.

At the time of his death, several months ago, Captain Coley was in the line of duty, and it is probable the most important police district in the city. Since his death this precinct has been without a direct official head. Lieutenant Arthur L. Pratt, Patrick Flannigan and Thomas Flood are now alternately in charge of the precinct for eight hours a day. These men are thoroughly reliable and capable of handling the situation at all times, but each lacks the necessary authority of direct action which would go with a captain's commission.

By the person who is the least ob-
servant it can easily be seen that this
vacancy should be filled immediately.
Pursuit of delay will result in the
situation becoming more involved. An
immediate appointment would allow a
new captain to get the precinct's busi-
ness under control in a short space of
time, but such a move postponement
may bring about a sorry mess.

DEBS' SPEECH IS READ INTO TRIAL RECORD

Called Lenin and Trotsky
World's Greatest States-
men.

Albany, Jan. 29.—Eugene V. Debs' "last speech before his voice was silenced" by a prison sentence of ten years for violating the espionage act was read into the record today at the trial of the five suspended socialist assemblymen being tried by the assembly judiciary committee on charges of disloyalty.

In this speech, made before social-
ists in Cleveland last March, Debs,
declaring he spoke "as a socialist, a
revolutionist and a Bolshevik," praised
Lenin and Trotsky "as the great-
est statesmen in the modern world"

CASUALTIES IN U. S. FORCES ARE 2 DEAD; 3 WOUNDED

London, Jan. 29.—The American casualties, when one of General Semenov's armored trains was captured by an American railroad guard detachment on the Trans-Siberian line near Lake Balkal on January 10, are given by the war office here as two killed and three wounded.

A Vladivostok dispatch to the Asso-
ciated Press dated Sunday, January
25, and received in this country the
day following, gave the American
casualties as two killed, and supplied
the names of the victims, a sergeant
and a private. No mention was
made of American wounded.

Nation Is Apt To Go On Strike

German Government's
Concern Over Extradi-
tion Growing.

WOULD REFUSE TO SURRENDER MEN

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Indications of the government's growing concern over the extradition of Germans accused of war offenses was given in the note sent to the allies today asking revision of clauses of the Versailles treaty.

The attempted assassination of Matthias Erzberger, Minister of Finance, last Monday, is viewed in official circles as a precursor of what is likely to happen on a larger scale if the government, yielding to the Allies, appeals to force in arresting men on the list submitted by the Entente powers. Editorial and partisan recriminations, provoked by the attack on the finance minister have already reached the white heat stage.

While it has been commonly known that Wilhelmstrasse would use all its persuasive power in an effort to induce the Allies to desist in their avowed purpose of demanding the surrender of Germans, the shots aimed at Herr Erzberger have made the cabinet more apprehensive than it has been at any other time relative to the enforcement of the extradition clause.

The note to the allies, which will not be published in Germany, warns the entente powers that Germany cannot assume she is able to compel either national or local agencies of the law to execute any work connected with extradition formalities and that they threaten to strike or indulge in "passive resistance."

A leading official of the foreign office expressed doubt today that a man could be found in Germany, from an army or navy commander down to a humble village deputy, "who would lend himself to the work of executing the law to the detriment of the men wanted and transfer them to German frontiers. The Associated Press is informed that even responsible officials of the foreign office have announced point blank they would refuse to execute any work connected with extradition formalities and that they threaten to strike or indulge in "passive resistance."

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PREMIER SAYS HUNGARY WILL BE A MONARCHY

Budapest, Jan. 29.—Hungary will be a monarchy, and the new king will be chosen immediately after the national assembly convenes, said Premier Huszar, speaking at a women's gathering yesterday.

"The first duty of a national assembly will be to elect a chief of state," said the premier, after expressing his satisfaction at the overwhelming success of the National Christian party in the recent elections. "It is clear that Hungary will be a kingdom, but it would be premature to mention the name of the king considered for the throne today."

The premier's words were greeted with enthusiastic cheering.

RICE GETS THREE YEARS.

New York, Jan. 29.—George Graham Rice, whose stock promotions have been given attention by courts several times in recent years, was sentenced today to serve three years in Sing Sing for grand larceny in appropriating \$721 sent him by a customer to buy stock.

GOV. HOLCOMB HAS NOT SEEN SHINING LIGHT

Because of the substitution of one speech for another, the press reports of the McKinley dinner brought a press report that Governor Holcomb had declared for woman suffrage. The report proves to be unfounded. The Times reluctantly withdraws the compliment it yesterday paid to the distinguished governor, when it credulously assumed that, like Saul of Tarsus, he had seen a light.

A generous purpose to believe the best of everybody is the real offender in the present case. The Times begs its readers to forgive its laxness.

WHITEHEAD IS GIVEN VERDICT AGAINST THOMAS

Jury Awards Him Sum of
\$1,500 For Acci-
dent.

Frederick F. Whitehead of this city, who was struck and injured by Walter Thomas' automobile, last April, was awarded \$1,500 damages by a jury in the Superior Court this afternoon. The jury was out about an hour and a half before returning a verdict. Whitehead asked for \$5,000 damages.

It was alleged by Whitehead that he was attempting to cross Fairfield avenue near Gilman street, when he was hit by the Thomas car. He claimed Thomas was driving recklessly and that the accident was due to that fact. Whitehead sustained a broken shoulder and leg. He said he was compelled to spend a large amount for medical attendance and that his injuries will be permanent.

JUGO-SLAVS' REPLY AMOUNTS TO REFUSAL

Asks Permission To Make
Some Suggestions To
Allies.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The text of the Jugo Slav reply to the allied ultimatum on the Adriatic question, made public today, shows, as was stated yesterday, that it amounted to a refusal to accept the compromise offered by the Italians, but that in courteous terms it asked permission to lay before the powers some suggestions for alteration which it considers necessary to secure stability in the region surrounding the Adriatic.

"As regards the proposal itself," says one paragraph of the note "the royal government is obliged to observe that it cannot accept it in its entirety, and the government counts on the spirit of justice and equity of the powers party to the communication of January 20 to permit it to submit to them modifications imposed by the necessity of assuring peace in the Adriatic."

INFLUENZA NOW INTERFERES WITH FREIGHT SERVICE

Hines Says Transportation
Has Received Serious
Blow.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 29.—Influenza is becoming so widespread in large sections of the country, especially between Chicago and New York, that it is interfering seriously with railroad freight traffic according to Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads who was here today to address the annual banquet of the Transportation club.

"Coupled with bad weather conditions," said Mr. Hines, "the influenza epidemic has dealt a serious blow to railroad operation. Not only are scores of railroad men down with the disease, but many more are forced to stay away from their duties because of the death or serious illness of their families."

"Reports received by me yesterday, however, are that both weather conditions and troubles due to illness are growing better."

TOOK SIX COMPLETE LIBERTY MOTORS AT LOCOMOBILE PLANT

Captain Hegy, Formerly
in Charge at Locomo-
bile, and C. A. Wirth,
Both of This City, D. S.
Gardiner of Detroit
and Two From Sey-
mour in Custody.

Five arrests were made today in the graft case in the Ordnance department involving between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of Government machinery, taken from Bridgeport to Seymour on an alleged Liberty Engine Co. plant where it was purported to be assembled and sold the engines. Those arrested in the case are Capt. H. S. Hegy, former officer in charge at the Locomobile Co., C. A. Wirth, civilian employed at the Loco plant, D. S. Gardiner, an assistant of Hegy, E. H. Ralston of Seymour, and James W. Swan also of Seymour, one of the most prominent men in the town.

All men were arrested on warrants issued from the U. S. District Attorney's office today. Gardiner was brought back to this state from Detroit where he was employed as a foreman in the Ford plant there. According to information given out today at the Ordnance Department six complete Liberty engines were taken from this city and a sufficient number of parts to assemble 100 others. About \$2,000 worth of tools for assembling the engines were also taken and forwarded to the Seymour plant. Liberty engines are valued at about \$5,500.

Gardiner is said to have been the go-between between Hegy and Wirth in this city and Swan and Ralston in Seymour, the engines and parts being taken there in motor trucks. All of this property has since been recovered and is now in warehouse, 192, in Seaview avenue. It was the plan of the so-called Liberty Engine Co., to sell the Liberty engines at \$5,500 each, advertisements to this effect having already been published. This would have eventually involved transactions totaling \$550,000.

The case was worked up by operatives of the Military Intelligence Department after a hint from the district ordinance department. Those of the Military Intelligence Department active in the case were Henry C. Jessup, chief of the Graft and Fraud Department of New York; E. T. Dalton, his assistant and Capt. E. F. Trainor, stationed here as representative of the Military Intelligence.

The men are in the custody of the marshal until night, when, if bail has not been furnished, they will be committed to the Hartford jail. The full penalty for the offense is \$10,000 fine and two years imprisonment.

During the war and afterward Hegy was a captain of ordinance. Wirth, a civilian in government employ, was chief inspector of ordinance at the Locomobile plant, and Gardiner, another civilian, was assistant inspector of ordinance there. Captain Hegy and Wirth are a little over 40 years of age and Gardiner apparently in the vicinity of 35.

The accused men were taken before United States Commissioner Frederic J. Cobett and arraigned by Assistant U. S. District Attorney George H. Cohen. Each of the accused pleaded guilty and was held by the commissioner in \$5,000 bonds each for appearance in the United States district court in February to answer to the charge. Captain Hegy and Mr. Wirth seemed certain of raising bail before midnight, but Gardiner said he had no friends in this part of the country and would have to telegraph his wife in Detroit to see if she could procure a surety company bond for him there.

LEG BROKEN IN ACCIDENT SEEKS \$3,000 DAMAGES

Alleging that his left leg was broken when he was struck by Anton Curcio's automobile on Barnum avenue, Patrick Fleming of this city has started suit against Curcio for \$3,000 damages. In papers filed today in the Superior court it is alleged that the accident happened January 18, 1919. Fleming says he was attempting to cross Barnum avenue when he was struck. He claims he was confined to St. Vincent's hospital for ten weeks. Negligence by Curcio is alleged.

\$10,000 In Foodstuffs Destroyed

Hartford Firemen Work
Hard to Keep Blaze
From Spreading

FIRE WAS DUE TO CARELESSNESS

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 29.—Ten thousand dollars' worth of foodstuffs went up in smoke or got badly scorched in a blaze that gave the city's firemen a bad tussle at Morris and Company's storehouse, 523 Asylum street, today. Fire walls each two feet thick south and north of the two story building prevented the flames from sweeping into Armour and Company's storehouse and the refrigeration plant of the Morris Company, where fresh and cold storage products to the value of \$75,000 were stored. Defective wiring is given by Edmund B. Tubbs, local manager for the Morris concern, as the cause of the fire. His early estimate of loss was from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Chief Ramaden declares that the fire was caused by "the careless use of a match" by Charles Barber, an employee of the company.

JANIN TOLD KOLCHAK TO SURRENDER

Sensation Caused By Re-
port Admiral Had Given
Up.

London, Jan. 29.—Admiral Kolchak's surrender to Siberian revolutionists was authorized by General Janin of the Czechoslovak army, who was placed in command of all allied troops west of Irkutsk on Jan. 19, by Kalchak's order, says a Harbin despatch.

A profound sensation was caused throughout the far east by the report that Kolchak had given up, says the message, which was filed at Harbin on Monday, and one Russian general has challenged General Janin to a duel, while officers under the command of General Semenov have formed a league, the slogan of which is:

"Have Janin's blood." General Janin's explanation is awaited, but it is known that Czech reports on the situation at Irkutsk which were telegraphed to General Janin at Verkhne-Udinsk induced him to consent to Kolchak's surrender. The Czechs claim the choice lay between surrendering one man and a conflict in which they were likely to be completely annihilated.

Japanese representatives asked the Czechs to hand Kolchak over to the Japanese but the request was refused. Later the revolutionists rejected a similar demand and said he would not be turned over until he had been tried before a court martial. All railroad and telegraph communication between Verkhne-Udinsk and Vladivostok has been suspended, the despatch says.

ERZBERGER IS STILL IN A SERIOUS WAY

Berlin, Jan. 29.—An examination of the wound of Matthias Erzberger, vice premier and Minister of Finance, who was shot Monday by Oskar von Hirschfeld, shows the wound little changed, with no inflammation. There is some swelling, however, and the wound is causing pain.

The patient's temperature is normal, but his pulse still continues at 120. In consequence of Herr Erzberger's setback yesterday, he is suffering from exhaustion and requires great care. While there is no immediate danger, he may deal only with the most important state affairs.

AVIATORS TO RETURN.

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 29.—Lieutenants E. F. Davis and G. E. Grimes, American army aviators who yesterday made a forced landing near Guerrero, Mexico, are held prisoners by Mexicans and probably will fly back to the United States territory today, it was announced at Fort Brown shortly before noon.